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Capi. Stephen Slocum. Decorated by King Edward



Lieut. Col. F. H Phipps, Decorated by Sultan of Turkey

Uncle Sam's Naval Recruits Have Great Opportunities

Lieutenant George Pettingill Outlines Their Duties and Shows big safe until Congress acts upon them. limited to 2,000 holders, whereas that of Miss Anna Tolman Smith, translator in the That Life on Shipboard Has Many Attractions and Advantages

EUT. GEORGE PETTINGILL, opinion, the most valuable part of the for authority to deliver. Either the Senate for life who is in the city for a short time 'training." was asked by a Journal reporter asked to give some idea of the duties of a naval "After spending from four to six months ceptance.

recruit and responded very cheerfully. does. I have answered the individual inquir- absence of from fifteen to twenty days. order from his bosom whensoever he sees ers at length and will attempt to give the Then comes his opportunity to advance fit, and it is no business of the govern-Journal readers a general idea of the life himself in the service. In a few months and environments that await the newly-en- he may be made a coxswain or a gunner's hireling.

listed man in the navy. pass a thorough physical examination, cook. prove their American citizenship, be able to read and write English and produce recomtwo citizens of standing.'

"What is the character of the physical ception of the instruction in the elemen-

the reply. "Proper weight for height, nor- Island navy yard, Philadelphia, Pa. Their mal chest measurement and expansion, good period of instruction at the training stavision and hearing, sound teeth, good heart tion and aboard ship is about of the same and lungs, sound limbs, freedom from de- duration, and their opportunities aboard formities of any kind, normal throat and ship afterward are much the same. nose, absence of any form of venereal

"Under men with trades," he continued, sixteen years of age. By the time he has "I have placed 'coal passers,' whose re- reached his majority (the expiration of his quirements are the same as those for lands- enlistment), it is possible for him to be men and apprentices, except that coal paid off as chief petty officer at \$70 a month passers must be twenty-one years old. It (clear.) Suppose he re-enlists at once. He is not necessary to enumerate the different is given four months' leave, by contract, trades in which I enlist men, since what and paid four months' wages gratis. Then you wish to-day is to tell the unin- he spends a year 'at sea,' as a chief petty structed what becomes of the ordinary re- officer. In army parlance, one would say, cruit (the landsman for training and the 'first sergeant.' Then he can come up for

"Upon enlistment," the lieutenant continued, "the apprentice is put aboard a train for Newport, R. I.; his transportation and subsistence are furnished by the government. Upon arrival at Newport the boy is sent to the detention quarters, where he the Annapolis graduate. Twelve such apis cleaned up, vaccinated, long hair cut, dons sailor uniform and undergoes another physical examination to insure the school against contagious disease. From here he goes to barracks, where his real schooling begins. He is first given his bag and hammock and clothing outfit. The government furnishes every newly enlisted man with \$45 worth of clothing to start with. He is taught to observe the usual routine of ship life, as well as it can be done in barracks."

"Is there anything corresponding to the

"Yes. At first the boy is put in an awkward squad and eventually graduates to the battalion. He is instructed in the elementary branches, such as reading, writ- they will be placed on the same footing in history. He is given practical instruction in seamanship-the handling of sails aloft. the handling of boats under oars and sail. swimming, setting up exercises (physical drill), infantry and artillery drill, instruction in the knowledge of the parts of the ship, and more than anything else, how to shoot all kinds of guns, from the little 22-short to the six-inch gun. More attention is paid to gunnery practice than to anything else. This instruction increases after the boy goes aboard ship. The daily routine is given in detail in 'Our Naval Apprentice' publication, devoted to the interests of naval apprentices."

"The young men are allowed opportunity for recreation, of course?"

"Certainly. Besides the daily drills, the boys have their sports. Every training station has a football and baseball team and every effort is made by the officers and instructors to encourage athletic contests among the recruits.

AFTER THE FIRST LESSON. compatible with the maintenance of ef- ing conditions." ficiency aboard. Nowadays it is the aim of the Navy Department to give a generous allowance of leave to the men in order to make the life as pleasant and as little irksome as possible. The results of this attitude of the department have been marvelous in the reduction of the number of de-

"Aboard the training ship the apprentice comes in direct contact with ship routine at sea, and is made to grow accustomed to this new mode of life. It is wonderful to see how quickly the intelligent young men we get nowadays in the service pick

up the ways and habits of the life. "They are taught to steer by the compass, to send and receive signals, to handle sail under way, to heave the lead and read the log and master their duties in the different evolutions, such as 'clearing ship for action,' 'coldsion drill,' 'fire drill,' 'general guarters' and 'abandon ship.' More important than anything else, they are given their first instruction in the firing of guns under way to accustom them to the habit of keeping the sights on the target at all periods of the ship's roll. This is, in my sleeves. I hope I may."

"How long does the training continue becruits for the United States navy, fore results are shown?" the lieutenant was then consider the applications, and, ap-

on the training ship the apprentice is given "I have been asked many times," said the a 'rating,' that is, a promotion to apprenexample, wishes to decorate plain citizen lieutenant, "what constitutes the training tice first-class. He then goes aboard a of the recruit, where he goes and what he regular cruising vessel, after a leave of barreled Rhinoceros, John may dangle the mate, third class. I have heard people say "The men enlisted by a recruiting party that the men are poorly fed aboard ship. may be divided into three classes; the ap- This may be true in some particular inprentices, from sixteen to seventeen years stances, due to bad management, but on old: the landsmen for training, from eight- the last three ships on which I served, een to twenty-five years, and the men with the Oregon, Kentucky and Alert, the food trades, from twenty-one to thirty-five years was excellent, and it was a pleasure to of age. Apprentices and landsmen for train- hear, on the day the draft was transferred ing must have practically the same require- from the ship after their five months' ments, with the age difference. They must service, the rousing cheer they gave the

"The work and opportunity of the landsas that for the apprentices, with the extary studies. Landsmen for training are "It embraces the following points," was sent to the training station at the League

> CHANCE FOR ADVANCEMENT. "The opportunities of the enlisted man? Take the case of an apprentice enlisting at examination for warrant officer. In this \$1,900 a year, depending upon length of service. After spending six years in the warrant officer's grade, he can come take line of promotion, on an equal footing with ations are passed. This would make him twenty-eight years old and an ensign in the navy. A bill is being pushed in Congress at present to change the time limit ensign twenty-four years old, which is about the age at which the Annapolis graduate gets his commission. Of course, I bright, ambitious man. But the conditions I have given are possible, and in cases with

which I am acquainted have been fulfilled. "The landsman for training has all these seven diplomas, about a yard square. opportunities afforded him with the exception of the privilege of taking an examination to enter the regular line of the service, but efforts are being made at present to give the landsman for training the same privilege, and I have no doubt, in

"But, lieutenant," the interviewer asked. you mention rather scarce? "It is hard to persuade the people of the interior that the class of men wanted n the navy is other than the riffraff and ne'er-to-do-well type," the officer replied. "In the old days of tack and sheets and halliards and bowlines, the navy had a large percentage of foreigners of poor stamp, but in these days of tin ships, there is so much machinery, so many mechanical appliances and electrical devices, that the nan behind the gun' must be of a better mental calibre, able to do a number of things that require a mechanic's knowlpose the big majority of our navy at present, that they are men of good mental and moral stamp, high ideals and self-respect; they feel that they are in a legitimate profession, and are entitled to the consideration of their superiors, which, I am happy to say, they receive. Every opportunity is given them for study and advancement. and the officers throughout the service will anxiously support an energetic man of

A GOOD CLASS OF MEN.

Then the service is really attractive of itself, apart from possible promotions? "Yes, and educational. To show the adfrom my own experience. Upon my return from China, two years ago, I was assigned to a little training ship, the Alert. We had 125 boys aboard, besides a small crew of about thirty men on deck. Some of the boys, when they came aboard, could not tell starboard from port, or forward from aft; I found one boy who didn't know how to tell time. We had them aboard for five Most of our success in the training of these youngsters was due to the fact that our executive officer, Lieut. Conde Blish (a Hoosier by the way, from Seymour Ind.), was a pastmaster in the art best officers in the service. Before they left the ship they had acquired all of the ordinary attributes of modern men-o'-warsmen, besides, we had a class among them of about twelve who were being taught the rudiments of navigation. I had a class of ten who were given instruction in going down in a diving suit. They were a little wary at first, but after I had gone down to show them the safety of it, I had dozens volunteers. These boys were mostly

tenths of them will stay in the service, and

them one day with gold stripes on their

shall not be surprised to meet some of

If They Hold Office, Americans May Not Wear Foreign Decorations

Congress Must First Pass Upon the Gifts, and Has Now In Its Custody a Safe Full of Double Dragons and Other Valuable Articles Bestowed By Sovereigns on Citizens of the United States... Something About These Orders

of federal officials offered decorations and navv. presents by foreign rulers. The Constitu-

proving, introduce a bill authorizing acment's so long as Mr. Doe is not a federal

SEVEN "DOUBLE DRAGONS." Seven magnificent decorations of the peror of China are among the treasures locked up in the State Department's safe. Five of these, just arrived, are offered to officers of our Ninth Infantry in reward for guarding the Forbidden City within the walls of Peking during the Boxer war and These officers are: Captain John M. Sigworth, First Lieutenant C. C. Kinney and

Second Lleutenant P. M. Goodrich, Allen

Smith, jr., and Robert Clark. Another "Double Dragon" is offered to Capt. Andre W. Brewster, our military attache at Petion since accredited to his court; still another to Mr. H. H. D. Peirce, third assistant secretary of state. The order of the "Double Dragon" was instituted in 1881 by the Emperor Tsai-

mission of the United States to China, white enamel with a red ribbon. but he died before the necessary legislation

TWO "RED EAGLES." tions at Peking. By his bravery in that ereign and grand master. engagement Captain McCalla won the ad- Seven other French decorations being reedge. I must say for the men that com- miration of the Kaiser, who lately offered the decoration as a testimonial of his esteem. The same decoration is conferred Spring's Rosary... In the Bird World upon Capt. N. M. Brooks, superintendent of foreign mails of the Postoffice Department, who won the esteem of the Emperor through his work in the recent international

The order of the "Red Eagle" was founded in 1705 by Prince George William of "I am very desirous," the speaker con- Anspach under the name of the "Order of Marias, and, by beautiful example, woos it man-of-the-stubble, all of whom she would ing to the steam engine, although it seemed tinued, "of impressing upon the public the Fidelity." In Germany it is the second to an attitude of adoration. These first-fly- fain retain. She weeps a little that the cat- to resent his arrival at St. Prudoc. "After about six months at the training fact that the status and morale of the en- order of the realm. Captain McCalla's ing winged thoughts carry with them a bird, the indigo and the tanager should be Doubtless it lacked sympathy, Madame Station," the speaker went on, "during listed man is excellent, because most peo- decoration of the second class, bearing with vision of the lovely virgin at her devotions, misunderstood, but sends them forth re- Lamerre hastened to remark. If monsieur which time the apprentice has been taught ple think that the only excuse for a man it the title of "grand officer;" that of Cap- as her slender hands tell over the vernal luctantly for what they are. It is one of would give himself the pain to make himthe religion of cleanliness and obedience, taking up the life is the hope of going tain Brooks, the third class, with the title beads, Certain of them she murmurs swift- her griefs, too, that the vesper sparrow self comfortable-- Ah! there was Marie he is put aboard the training ship. These through the contaminating stage of enlist- "commander." Each decoration is accom- ly and lets them go, over others she lin- should slight her inspiration, but she lin- with the hot water. time. Attractive ports are visited and derstand that the men who do the work the whole fastened to the breast with a with a reverent gladness. She is young and 'shore leave' is given as frequently as is live under very satisfactory, self-respect- white ribbon striped with orange on the beautiful and beloved of all the world. All

> Germany's oldest and most prized decora- ears hearken to the new-old orisons, now tion is the "Order of St. John of Jerusa- coming faintly, now ecstatically, from the vancement that boys under instruction may lem," established in 1382. Its other notable youthful heart of spring; and the brown make in the navy I will cite an instance orders are "The Military Cross of Merit," hills listen like solemn-browed priests, "Civil Cross of Merit," "Black Eagle," buried in meditation and musing retrospec-"Iron Cross," "Order of the Prince of the tion. Crown." The Emperor confers two orders step bird for content; the gentle bluebird upon women exclusively; that of "Louise" and the timid white throat for purity. As

> and the "Cross of Merit." The Kaiser has also offered many gifts row, the Bewick wren and the brown thrush to our officials, and these are reposing with slip from under her fingers, followed by the the decorations. An exquisite gold watch Carolina wreh and the warbling vireo, who and chain is being held for Capt. James M. are eloquent of the pure joy of life. Of reof handling men, besides being one of the Miller of the navy and a costly silver writ- pentance and sin that is too base to be her ing table for Mr. Edwin V. Morgan, whose own the croaking blackbird and the false exequatur as consul to Dalny was lately cowbird bear witness, while the handsome refused by the Russian government. Mr. bluejay carries the stigma of hypocrisy. Morgan was secretary of the commission She turns hastily from these to dwell upon which divided Samoa between Germany, the the humanity of Bob White, the drollery of United States and England. His courtesies the chat, the persistence of that companion to the German commissioner were com- to the stars, the whipporwill. Pensiveness mended to the Emperor. Six autograph dims her eyes as the pewee takes flight and from Texas, and I have no doubt that nine- photographs of Prince Henry of Prussia the mellow tones of the redwing reminds have also been offered to as many of our her of duty. Then, with the passing of the officials who aided in the reception of the meadowlark and the rose-breasted grosprince when he was in this country, viz: beak, her thoughts flit to high endeavor,

> > A STATE OF THE STA

ILL Congress insult foreign sov- Henry Clay Evans, now consul general at served with those above are very handereigns who confer decorations London; First Lieut. Thomas H. Jackson some six-pointed gold stars, each upon a and gifts upon our federal office and Edward Rhett, Second Lieutenant J. wreath of wheat and corn and ornamented holders if it declines to allow H. Poole and Frederick L. Chapin, and in the center with the allegorical head of the latter to accept? Will its Gen. H. V. Boynton of the Chickamauga France. These hang from green ribbons refusal be a reflection upon the integrity Park commission. These, as well as the with red stripes. They are the decorations costliest decorations and gifts, must be of the "Order du Merite Agricole," insti-These two questions are bothering our withheld for the consent of Congress. A tuted in 1883, as a reward for persons who national legislators. The State Department marine glass has also been sent by the have rendered services to agriculture. The has transmitted to the Capitol various lists Kaiser for Surgeon O. D. Norton of the French minister of agriculture wishes to

FROM TALY AND TURKEY. of our agricultural reports, as a reward for tion provides that no person holding a gov- Two handsome gold crosses, surmounted the excellence of these publications, and ernment office shall, without the consent by crowns and tied by green ribbons, are upon the following specialists of the Deof Congress, accept any "present, emolu- being held by Drs. Eugene Wasdin and H. partment of Agriculture in reward for their ment, office or title" from any "king, prince D. Geddings of the Marine Hospital Serv- valued contributions to science: Dr. Harvey or foreign state." The State Department's ice. These are the decorations of the W. Wiley, chief of the Chemical Bureau; lists have accumulated until about fifty "Order of Saints Maurizio e Lazzaro," con- Henry E. Alvord, chief of the dairy dicases remain without action. Until 1881 ferred by the King of Italy in recognition vision; G. B. Brackett, pomologist; W. A. our lawmakers were not so precise upon of the excellence of the scientific work of Taylor, assistant pomologist; M. A. Carlewhether Congress ever gave its say so or consists of five classes-grand crosses, grand Three wreaths of gold, each to be fasnot. But now all such proffered honors officers, commanders, officers and cheva- tened with a violet ribbon, are further must be transmitted by the recipient to the liers. Drs. Wasdin and Geddings receive French decorations conferring the title of State Department and locked up there in a 'the decoration of "officer," which rank is "Officer de l'Instruction Publique" upon As soon as one arrives the secretary of chevalier is unlimited. The higher classes Bureau of Education; Casper S. Crowninstate makes application to the two houses of this order confer an annuity, or pension, shield, our commercial agent at Castella-

committee on foreign relations or the cor- "Medals of Merit" from the Sultan of of the Mississippi River Commission. A responding committee of the House must Turkey are being held for Lieut. Col. F. H. very similar decoration, with a wreath of



Assistant Secretary of State Pierce, Decorated with the Double

Tien, who established two categories-one Phipps of the army and Lieut. W. P. similar services in behalf of great Britain to be reserved for distinguished Chinese, Scott

Six decorations of the French Legion of cock feathers and silk robes; the other, re- Honor are locked up with the other orders. served for foreigners, divided into five The Legion of Honor confers five gradesgrades, the first three of which are subdi- grand cross, grand officer, commander, officer and chevalier. Assistant Secretary of The order consists of a gold medal, about State Pierce, who received also the "Double the size of a soda biscuit, having a round Dragon," and Lieutenant General Schofield, filigree border interwoven with Chinese which is limited to 1,000 wearers; Capt. R. characters and surmounted by a ring fas- P. Rodgers of the navy and Maj. T. A. tening it to a ribbon. Upon the medal Bingham of the army are given that of proper are two eight-footed dragons, form- "officer," limited to 4,600 wearers, and Prof. ing a bilateral design about the circular Frank W. Clark, curator in the National opening, which incloses a gem. The grades Museum, with Commander A. C. Baker, and classes are designated by the ribbons. U. S. N., receives the grade of "chevalier," Thus Mr. Peirce, who is given the second which is the lowest and whose wearers are grade, first class, may wear a violet rib- unlimited. Assistant Secretary Pierce, Capbon, embroidered in yellow dragons, while tain Rodgers and Major Bingham formed the six army officers, who are offered the the commission recently appointed to enthird grade, must be satisfied with blue tertain the French mission and the memribbons, embroidered with red dragons. An bers of the Rochambeau and Lafayette older order conferred by the Emperor upon families sent to Washington to attend the of six years to two; this would make the foreigners is the "Dragon of Merit," justi- dedication of the new Rochambeau statue. tuted in 1863 for the French who took part They receive their decorations in return for in the repression of the insurrection of their courtesies to these guests. Commander am taking the case of a very energetic, Tai-Pings. This is far less elaborate, how- Baker is honored because of his connecever, than the "Double Dragon." With the tion with the Paris exposition, and Profeslatter was sent to the State Department sor Clark for excellence of work in the science of chemistry. If Congress allows A "Double Dragon" was conferred upon the acceptance, each of these six honored the late Hub Smith, secretary of the com- men will be entitled to wear a cross of

the present tendency to advance was passed. Another was recently offered The "Legion of Honor" is the highest of the enlisted men in all departments, that to Commercial Agent Greener, at Vladivo- the French orders. After the revolution one bill. Chairman Cullom of the Senate stok, in reward for services to Chinese in had swept away all of those conferred by committee on foreign relations is known to Siberia and to the Shansi famine sufferers, the monarchy, it was established by the be opposed to their acceptance, and Senator "are not the recruits of the superior class but the latter has not yet arrived at the consulate, and was greatly enlarged by Spooner agrees in the main with the chair-Napoleon I. It was a great power in his man. Senators Lodge and Frye are, howhands, but after his time it became de- ever, of the opinion that refusal of these Two orders of the "Red Eagle," offered graded by indiscriminate bestowals. In late honors would be a slight to the rulers offerby the German Emperor, also repose in the years there have been scandals as a result ing them, and would be contrary to diplo-State Department's big strong box. One of charges that it has been conferred in matic usage. If all of the orders and gifts of these, with swords, was conferred upon exchange for money, but many efforts have are allowed the State Department will pre-Capt. B. H. McCalla of the navy, who in been made to purify it and the President sent a strictly Christmas day aspect on the 1900 led 112 of our men to relieve the lega- of France still remains, ex officio, chief sov- day of their distribution.

JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.

which is drifting by with so vari- purple martins. Soaring there in spirit, she with an adventure? able a constancy, one may fancy looks fondly down upon the simple goodness Monsieur had met with a steam engine eves are fixed on the visible message, all she meditates on gladness, the song spar-

to the song of the frequenter of orchards. Hardly can she bring herself to release melody and weeness, yet winged fancies press upon her and must receive her benetion the various woodpeckers are sped upon looked at her work. "I do not understand their mission, and when she relaxes into a patient mood she permits the cardinal to voice her thought. Between the watchfulness of the shrike and the absorption of the House of Hohenzollern" and "Royal There's the robin for peace, the little door- water thrush she thrusts the self-devotion of the waxwing. With exultation she sees the intelligence of the vireos, one and all, and fits them to the green leaves that they may safely make unceasing music. And with satisfaction she tells off the little gnatcatcher-so high a sense of paternal dignity compressed within so small a bunch of frisky feathers. Modesty she emphasizes both the cuckoos-so beautiful, yet so seldom seen-and praise of creation in the lay of the lark finch. Merriment possesses her as Bob-e-Lincoln flits north. There is ecstatic gratitude, alternately flinging itself into the heavens in a carol and tumbling into the honied depths of clover! Then the innumerable little warblers-painted so them she finds ardent faithfulness in small things, singing their slender songs with all their might, for in featherdom the single a nation." talent is never buried, but mounted on a haystack-witness dickcissel! And thrushes-her last bead? She clings to that. if to any. It betokens evening light in the wood-silence, the clarion note-and serene

ELIZABETH NUNEMACHER.

Lieut. P. M. Goodrich, Decorated by Chinese Emperor

confer it upon George William Hill, editor

mare di Stabia, Italy, and John A. Okerson,

silver instead of gold, and carrying the

GIFTS FROM KING EDWARD.

plete the State Department's extensive and

valuable collection. One of these is a

souvenir coronation medal, offered to Cap-

tain Richardson Clover, U. S. N., who was

our naval attache at London at the time

the King was crowned. Another is a South

African war medal offered to Captain

Stephen L. H. Slocum, our military ob-

server with the British army during the

Boer war. Very handsome silver inkstands

are offered by the King to Arthur M. Beau-

pre, our minister to Argentina, and to

George H. Bridgman, our consul at King-

ston, Jamaica. While minister to Colum-

bia Mr. Beaupre acted as umpire in the

settlement of a claim between England

and that country, and this present is a tes-

timonial of King Edward's appreciation of

merly our minister to Bolivia, performed

Further decorations which Congress must

act upon, but which have not yet arrived

escort of the Skinner expedition.

worn. Those decorated with the grand

ing from the right shoulder to the left

hip; also the decoration itself upon the left

breast. Those of the grade usually desig-

nated by the title of "commander" append

their orders to ribbons about the neck.

Knights and chevaliers wear their smaller

decorations fastened by shorter ribbons to

There has been talk of "omnibusing" all

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the left breast.

Several gifts from King Edward com-



Lieut. C. C. Kinney,

this point. Our officials brought home their these two specialists. This order was found-ton, cerealist, and J. I. Shulte, assistant A Creature of Impulse

ward the ditch as something struck his cried. "I knew it; I knew it!"

shoulder, and Douglas Home was cast into The girl looked at him doubtfully. "No, the brambles. The steam tram silently I am not French," she said, slowly. "May climbed the hill without deigning to notice I ask the reason of this sudden accession France to Captain C. DeW. Willcox, U. S. its victim. Whereupon Home scrambled of patriotism on your part?" Her cloak A. Captain Willcox will be eligible to the out of the ditch and gave sorrow words- slipped to the floor as she spoke, and she decoration of "officer de l'instruction pub- Anglo-Saxon words. He crawled up to the top of the hill and one-and-twenty

five years. He may then exchange his gazed at St. Prudoc in the valley below. To his great delight, Home noticed that silver wreath for one of gold. These two His knapsack galled him; he was hungry, she no longer wore the disfiguring knickers. tired, thirsty; and the lights in the little A soft, filmy blue dress set off her ethereal by the decree organizing the French Uni- village below looked inviting. How his beauty. She had exquisite blue eyes, yelhead ached! Te weird gloaming depressed low hair, sweet lips, even, white teeth, the engine came upon him unawares? Oh, handsomer than the girl. Tall, dark, athyes; this blue-eyed, tall slim girl in knick- letic, with clear brown eyes and a mussaved him from a tram engine. He ab- support. horred knickers-for girls. Before he could "I think," said mamma, "that my daugned her wheel like an athlete and, with a few The girl ruefully looked at Home. "And through the gloaming. In the midst of his Mr. -- ?" confusion he felt grateful to her for not "Douglas Home." the courtesy. Mr. Bridgman, while for- kind of French was good enough for Brit- girl added, softly: "The hero!" tany. Ugh! The growing bruise on his from that monster. He was quite unprepared for such consideration from a "I-I'm glad I interfered with that en-

Pai Kuk," just conferred upon Minister he could only upset that! Horace Allen at Seoul by the Emperor of "Just like the French," he muttered. Korea; the "Star of Ethiopia," conferred by "What other nation would seek to slay the Emperor Menelik of Ethiopia upon Consul tourist on whom it lives, by having steam General Robert P. Skinner, Lieut. C. L. engines which cross the road in the gloam- all the time?" said the mother. Hussey, U. S. N., and Captain Thorpe, U. ing and come upon one with hardly a "Please don't talk about it," pleaded S. Marine Corps-which three officers were sound? Pouf! As they say here, that was Home. "I was in a terrible funk." in charge of the recent expedition to Ad- a narrow shave. How am I to get even dis-Ababa-and the "Menelik" Medal, con- with the girl for saving my life? What ferred by the Emperor of Ethiopia upon the would they say in Fleet street if my in buttoning her glove. He had to begin marines and bluejackets who formed the mangled remains had been found in an obscure corner of Brittany? The fellows would feel annoyed that a war correspond-In regard to the matter of foreign orders, ent had come to so untimely an end. On secit may be of interest to know that throughout the old world there is an almost uni- ond thought"-he ruefully surveyed his knapsack, in which the engine had torn a versal rule prescribing where and how those hole-"it would annoy me also." of the respective ranks or classes are to be

He moved toward the valley, having once cross of any order are entitled to wear a more recovered "tone." Not even the sash of the distinguishing ribbon, extend- ghostly purr of a whirling windmill's sails could startle him now. "What right," he muttered, limping lamely down the hill-"what right has a French girl to such beautiful eyes? And she needn't have hurried away without waiting to be thanked. No repose about French people. Always in a hurry. Perhaps she wanted to get home

He entered the little triangular market place of St. Prudoc and made his way to the nearest inn. No one seemed particularly anxious to welcome him. People were busy moving tables and chairs from the

He banged on the door until Madame Lamerre appeared. Madame was voluble, apologetic. "Alas! that monsieur should think her neglectful when she loved les Anglais so much; but everyone was preparing for the dance." Monsieur was glad that she loved him,

but he was not interested in the dance. Could he have a bed and some dinner-the dinner first, the bed afterward? But certainly. Monsieur must not worry

himself. Monsieur was wounded. If monsieur would have the goodness to lean on her she would show him to his room and get him a nice little dinner in the bar parlor. The ordinary room was being pre-AZING on this chaplet of birds rising thence loftily with song and wing of pared for 'the ball. Monsieur had met

it the rosary of spring, as she of the towhee, the tenderness of the modest which had foully and treacherously sought embraces the world in her Ave field sparrow, and the adoration of Bach- to slay him unawares. He had done noth-

ships make cruises of about six months' ment and getting a commission. That is panied by a diploma setting forth these gers with a brooding sweetness; and if gers over his first three notes forgivingly. Monsieur "gave himself the pain," and duration, at times during which they may not the spirit desired. We cannot all be details. The decoration itself is a Maltese there are those over which she bows her At Phoebe's call she smiles once more, and the motherly old French woman helped him be at sea for fifteen or twenty days at a officers, and I wish to make the public un- cross, with the red cagle in the center, head, there are others that uplift her eyes bridles with fond pride over the beauty of upstairs, presented him with a stiff glass the orioles, as she adds a touch of gayety of cognac and, stripping off his shirt in spite of Home's protests, applied soothing the little kinglets, for very love of their unguents to the big, black, broken-skinned welt across his shoulder. Then she redressed him, put his arm in a sling and

> how monsieur comes to have his arm so "It was the girl," Home explained. "She must have whirred up on her bike and jerked me away just as if she had been tailing a bull on the Pampas. I-I was in

a brown study." Madame did not understand about tailing bulls, but she helped Home down stairs into the bar parlor, and gave him the best

dinner he had had for years. "You musn't take so much trouble with me," he protested, after having eaten his

"You are too kind." "Mais, oui," said madame. "Monsieur fails to comprehend. It is for the honor of France. Monsieur does not understand that the steam engine has disgraced us as

Home felt annoyed when the door opened and a rush of chilly September air filled "Come in, mother," said an unmistak-

ably English voice, "or we shall be late. I

Decorated by Chinese Emperor

WHIR-R-R! Whir-r-r! Whir- nearly sprained my wrist pulling that-"
r-r!" The breath of the De- The girl stopped suddenly stroyer smote the back of his risen to his feet, his handsome brown eyes neck, a strong hand clutched agiow. him, pulled him violently to- "So you're not French after all!" he

stood revealed in all the beauty of sweet

him: he wanted to get away from it, to straight nose, not to small, and shoulders foregather with folk. This narrow escape such as one sees in dreams. Mamma, befrom being cut in two by the tramway en- hind her, was the same, with the portliness gine made him think dully of the pre- of twenty additional summers. She had a cariousness of existence. He felt Boer frank, handsome face, and surveyed Home sharpshooters pinging at him as he dragged with sympathy as an Englishman in a poor Featherstone's body away from the strange land who had been wounded by unmelee. Who was it pulled him aside as sympathetic steam engines. He was even ers. He was annoyed that a Frenchwoman tache which had not long encountered the with English-looking blue eyes should have vicissitudes of the world; it seemed to need

stammer his thanks to the girl she mount- ter had the pleasure of- ' She paused. ringing words in French, whirled away so I can't get my glove on to-night,

exposing the badness of his French. He "W-what!" cried mother and daughter had come abroad with the idea that any together. "The Douglas Home?" Here the

Home blushed beneath his tan. "Of course shoulder warned him what would have hap- I'd no business to," he said, lamely. "I pened had not the girl pulled him away was only a correspondent. It was like my

at the State Department, are the "Order of stranger. But that tram engine! Ah, if gine," said the girl. "I really cannot get this glove on by myself." "And you carried Lieutenant Feather-

stone's body out of the thick of the fight. with Boer sharpshooters pinging at you

The girl made a little movement of her wrist just as Home had nearly succeeded all over again. Somehow, his hand shook.

"Have I hurt you?" she asked.

"Yes-you're hurting me now," stammered Home. "That is-I mean-" He did not know what he meant. Apparently the girl did, for a still lovelier color stole into her cheeks. "Come in when you have rested," she said; and mother and daughter

Home fell into a reverie. "What's my pulse going like this for?" he murmured. "Dashed silly nonsense. It's only gratitude to her for looking so beautiful."

A sudden chill ran through him. Another girl-this time a dark one-stood regarding him from the doorway of the ballroom, She was evidently a Russian, tall, sallow, black-eyed, with that inscrutable look which comes from dwelling on snowy steppes. And there was a sneer upon her

"Monsieur is seeing paradise with the aid of his countrywoman?" she asked. Home's shoulder twitched. With a rustle of black and amber draperies, she floated

"Oh, you don't know me! You don't know me! And yet I also saved your life." Home was politely incredulous. "Pardon me, but we have never met before." "Oh, yes, we have, Mr. Home. You were

in St. Petersburg when there was a plot to blow up the Czar." "The Czar is always being blown up." said Home, in tired tones." "He would have died had it not been for

"Why, what had I to do with it?" The girl sat down on the sofa beside him. "I was going to throw the bomb when

I caught sight of you close to the Czar's

entourage," she said, composedly, "You were so handsome that I-I didn't

"What had I to do with it?" "It was an unusually powerful bomb, You would have been shattered into little

"I am very much indebted to you for your forbearance." "You ought to be," she cried, passionately. "I knew you were coming here, and-

and awaited your arrival."

"Why? Oh, mon Dieu! You ask me why? Why does a woman follow a man to the ends of the earth?" The overwhelmed Home murmured that

he supposed a woman followed a man to the ends of the earth because she ought

The woman gazed at him with gathering "Bah! I ought to have blown you to

pieces, you cold, insensible Englishman." "It might, perhaps, have saved a certain amount of trouble," acidly agreed Home, "I see how it is. Now that I have made

"Pardon me, you haven't." "Oh, I forgot," She looked round and whispered: "I am Vera Gotschakoff. Now

myself known to you-"

do you know me?" Home rose frigidly. "You should never allow personal considerations to interfere with your work. Didn't you get into trouble for not throwing that bomb?"

"Oh, yes, a knife thrust in the side from one of our committee. He's in Siberia now, The young English woman floated past

the open door, steered by a dexterous (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3, PART 3)